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1. Louis Saillant and Maurice Carroue, officials of the World Federation of Trade Unions who visited Latin America between 29 April and 16 May, travelling from Europe, carried directives to the Communist parties in Cuba, [REDACTED] and Guatemala concerning two main subjects: (a) Holding of a special meeting of workers' leaders which is to take place in Florence, Italy; and (b) preparation of new workers' blocs that will be completely responsive to Communist tactics.
2. After the close of the conference in Florence, Italy, the delegates from Latin America will remain in Europe for some time to visit various selected places, and to receive special training.
3. Saillant and Carroue met in Marianao, Cuba, a suburb of Habana, with several leaders of the Cuban Communist labor unions and others prominent in the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP), Cuban Communist Party. The following was discussed:
 - A. Participation at the Florence meeting of a large delegation of workers' leaders of "second class," as part of a program for their later elevation to "first class" labor leaders.
 - B. The special prize awarded to Miguel Quintero, Secretary General of the Sindicato de Obreros y Empleados de Balnearios y Clubs de Recreo, is the trip to Florence, Italy, to attend the meeting as the reward for his success in keeping his union from falling under the control of the non-Communist unions.*
 - C. The campaign which has been begun by the Communists to infiltrate all government syndicates, in order to bring about at all costs what they call "syndicate unity."**
 - D. The details of the transfer of the leaders of the various syndicates, some of whom are being transferred to work within the Communist Party, while others are being transferred from one labor syndicate to another.

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4. [REDACTED] Miguel Quintero Ruano, Secretary General of the Sindicato de Empleados y Obreros de Balnearios, Clubs, Casinos, y Centros de Diversiones, has been designated the Cuban delegate of the Union Internacional de los Sindicatos de los Trabajadores en las Industrias Alimenticias, Cafes, y Restaurantes, an affiliate of the World Federation of Trade Unions. This source

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reports that Quintero is planning to leave for Europe on 25 June 1951, to attend the Communist congress which is to take place on 29-30 June in Florence, Italy.***

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Comment: [redacted] funds are being collected by Quintero's union to pay for the expenses of his trip, and that a substitute will be nominated soon to take over his former job.

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Comment: [redacted] the real purpose of this campaign is for the Communists to win control of the various syndicates, and in this manner to regain control of the entire labor movement.

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** Comments: An article in Hoy dated 24 February 1950, listed Miguel Quintero Ruano as a candidate for councilman on the PSP ticket in the city of Marianao, Habana Province.